

MARY GREENE

Mary Greene was born in the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia, in the lovely Baptist Valley, county seat of Tazewell County, known then as Jeffersonville, Virginia.

Mary's father was William Augustus Kennedy, her mother was Sarah Warren. She was the eldest child. Her mother was a staunch member of the LDS Church, having embraced it in 1845. Her father did not join the Church and objected to his wife's teaching the principles of the Church to the family. Mary's first husband did not join the LDS faith. They had four children. When he died she took her four children with her mother and three sisters, boarded the train and came to Utah in 1870. She was baptized in the Endowment House, Salt Lake City, and did much temple work.

Mary felt she was called by the Church to be a doctor. The Legislature passed a bill requiring all to receive a certificate to perform their duties, and after due instructions, Mary studied under Dr. Ellis Shipp and received her certificate. She also worked under Dr. R. A. Hasbooreck, a member of the Electric Medical Society, and received a certificate from them.

Mary married Flavour Greene in 1873. They moved to southern Utah (Dixie). She was very ill on the journey. They settled in Rockville, and the children went to school there. Later they moved to St. George. At each place, Mary practiced her profession. About 1882, Mary came to Heber City, where for a few years she was the only doctor in the county. She was kind and very helpful. She died of pneumonia November 7, 1895, in Heber City, Utah. Her final request was that no black was to be worn at her services and the band should play "Nearer, My God, to Thee." These requests were fulfilled.

She lived a life of service to her fellow men. She left a family of 10 children. She was buried in Salt Lake City, Utah.